

THE 321ST INFANTRY

experiences of life. Those of us who finished this hike together felt more closely bound together than ever by those ties of comradeship that had been established during our stay on the front. We also felt that we had something in common with the soldiers of past wars who had made long marches under trying conditions.

AFTER-WAR TRAINING AREA — PEASANT LIFE IN FRENCH VILLAGES.

Late on the afternoon of December 3, the 321st reached its after-war training area in the vicinity of Chatillon-Sur-Seine. Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Supply Company, and 317th Machine Gun Company were stationed at Ampilly, the First Battalion at Coulimier-le-sec, the Second Battalion at Puits, and the Third Battalion at Nesle and Massoult.

These are typical little villages of rural France. They are inhabited almost solely by French peasants whose customs and habits apparently have not changed since the early days of the French republic. The American soldier was very nearly correct who said, if you had a rubber stamp of one French village, you would have them all. Yet, when the houses are considered individually their dissimilarity is equally as striking as their similarity. Inasmuch as the French peasants never follow any